Electricity Connections in North Delhi

3002. SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the time limit prescribed for giving domestic electricity connections to the consumers after depositing the required charges with the DESU;

(b) the number of applications received during the last six months and the number disposed of by the Lawrence Road office of DESU so far; and

(c) the time likely to be taken for disposing of all the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Two weeks' time has been prescribed by DESU for giving a new domestic electric connection after completion of the requisite commercial formalities by the applicant. Out of 2253 such applications received at the Lawrence Road office (now called as Keshav Puram District), from 1.2.1991 to 31.7.1991; 2144 applications were disposed off and connections energised during the above period. The remaining 109 applications are also in the process of disposal within the stipulated period subject to the completion of requisite commercial formalities by the applicants.

[*Translation*]

Tourist Spot in Uttar Pradesh

3003. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the tourist spots in Uttar Pradesh which have been brought on the international tourism gap; and

(b) the details of arrangements made to increase tourism facility and for development of these places during the current plant period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Uttar Pradesh has a profusion of tourist spots which are on the international tourism circuit, such as Agra, Mathura, Varanasi, Allahabad, Corbett National Park Badrinath, Kedarnath, Fatehpur Sikri, etc. The development of tourist spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government extends financial assistance to State Governments on proposals to develop tourism infrastructure based on merits and inter se priority as well as availability of funds. The Ministry of Tourism sanctioned 36 projects for an amount of Rs. 397.87 lakhs during 1990-91 to augment tourist facilities in Uttar Pradesh. Nine schemes have been listed for extending financial assistance of nearly Rs. 224.00 lakhs during 1991-92 to the State Government.

[*English*]

Records of Railway Lands

3004. SHRI VISHWANATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether records of the railway lands are not maintained properly and adequate measures are not taken for its protection;

(b) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in its report has pointed out that a large area of railway land is under encroachment for many years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereon and the measures taken or proposed to be taken to regain the land by evicting the encroachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Records of railway land are

maintained properly and adequate measures are taken for protection of railway land.

(b) and (c). The Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his report for the period ending March 1990 has pointed out following instances of encroachment of railway land:

	Location	*Area*
(i)	Village Sadhora Kalan, Northern Railway	2.57 acres
(ii)	Between Lalkua & Haldwani, N. E. Railway.	33.234 acres
(iii)	Bagaha, N. E. Railway.	37.86 acres

(d) (i) Land at Sadhora Kalan has been occupied by Delhi Development Authority and the matter has been taken up with them for exchange of equivalent land.

(ii) Regarding railway land under encroachment between Lalkua & Haldwani, Railways have taken up the matter to regain the land by eviction of encroachers or to get alternate land allotted by State Government.

(iii) As regards railway land under encroachment at Bagaha, Railways have taken up the matter to regain the land by eviction of encroachers.

Diversion of Krishna Waters by Maharashtra

3005. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has made further Westward diversion of Krishna waters for the Koina Power Project Stage IV;

(b) whether the diversion is against the provision of the Bachawat Award; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Koyna Stage-IV Hydroelectric Project as cleared by Central Electricity Authority does not envisage any diversion of water which is in excess of the permitted quantum as decided by Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal. Government of Maharashtra has also informed that Koyna Stage-IV is only for peaking power purposes; hence no quantum of water in excess of what is permitted by Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal would be diverted due to Koyna Stage-IV.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Setting up of Gas-Based Industry in Rajasthan

3006. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had proposals to set up gas-based industries in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of such industrial units which have not been able to start functioning even after the approval was granted; and

(c) if so, whether any action is proposed to be taken in this regard and if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-